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Funding Level:

An estimated \$15 million in FY 2013.

Key Sectors:

Education, Health, Natural Resources, and Agriculture, Good Governance

Key Partners:

Ministry of Education and Vocational Training; Ministry of Public Service and Good Governance; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Social Welfare, Youth, Women and Children Development; Zanzibar Malaria Control Program; Zanzibar Aids Commission; Fintrac; Creative Associates; Global Deaf Connection; University of Rhode Island-Coastal Resources Center; FHI; JHPIEGO; EngenderHealth; RTI; Johns Hopkins University; Search for Common Ground.

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Fiscal Year 2013 Programs

Education: \$5.75 million

Although access to education in Zanzibar has increased dramatically over the past decade, assessments reveal that many children are not mastering the basic skills of reading and numeracy. USAID/Tanzania's education programs work to improve learning achievement, with a particular focus on early grade reading.

The four year, \$43 million "21st Century Basic Education Project" (TZ21) provides teacher training, textbooks and learning materials, and computers and internet connectivity to all 268 public primary schools in Zanzibar. School management committees (SMCs) have been trained and provided grants to implement activities that will improve reading instruction. In 2013, 139,000 primary school students in Zanzibar benefited from the TZ21 program. USG support in Zanzibar also leveraged contributions from technology companies who helped develop a more robust system for managing education information so that strategic decision making and resource allocation is rooted in a comprehensive understanding of school and student performance.

Malaria: \$3.66 million

Launched in December 2005, the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative's (PMI) multifaceted support for the Zanzibar Malaria Elimination Program (ZAMEP) has resulted in the control of malaria. Malaria surveillance has been scaled up to cover all 142 public health facilities and the percentage of fevers confirmed as malaria among patients at health facilities dropped from 25% in April 2005 to 1.2% in first half of 2012, and 2012 data shows that malaria prevalence in the general population is 0.5%. PMI has supported: (1) seven rounds of indoor residual spraying campaigns that have protected over 1 million people annually; (2) procured and distributed 210,000 long-lasting insecticidal bed nets and distributed an additional 701,960 bed nets procured with funding from the Global Fund and the British Department for International Development to every household to achieve universal coverage of nets in Zanzibar; (3) malaria prevention communication campaigns with messaging that includes the importance of seeking immediate treatment for malaria-like symptoms; (4) the annual purchase and distribution of 954,000 malaria rapid diagnostic test kits; and (5) capacity building by training 41 ZAMEP staff in health service delivery and management. The U.S. Government has invested over \$50 million in PMI funds since 2006 in Zanzibar, and is currently working with ZAMEP to sustain gains in malaria control, including implementing a malaria surveillance system to detect and respond to sudden spikes in malaria incidence.

Family Planning and Reproductive Health: \$2.35 million

USAID provides most of Zanzibar's contraceptive commodities, as well as support on quantification of projected commodity needs and training in logistics. In addition, USAID is supporting the islands' family planning program, including technical training and support to government for supervision of activities and minor renovations of health facilities. This support has contributed in part to a remarkable 37% increase in the contraceptive prevalence from 9.4% to 12.9% (TDHS 2004-05 and 2010) though this is well below mainland rates. USAID is supporting family planning outreach teams to provide services in underserved areas, and an innovative Post Abortion Care (CPAC) activity has had a remarkable impact on deaths due to complications from illegal abortions. A



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booklet on Islam and Family Planning was launched in an event attended by over 100 Muslim religious leaders. Overall, collaboration with the Zanzibar Ministry of Health is very good, and USAID is developing direct support to the Ministry of Health for its family planning activities.

Health Systems Strengthening: \$1.0 million

USAID supports the development of a strong public health supply chain to assure the availability of quality health commodities at all health facilities throughout the islands. Support includes the provision of commodities, technical assistance to quantify commodity needs, infrastructure strengthening (including procurement and installation of warehouses and training warehouse staff on proper management of the facility), information systems development that will support data for decision making in supply chain management, and training health care workers in managing health commodities.

Additionally, USAID continues to provide support to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Youth, Women and Children Development to implement the national plan of action for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC), as well as a data management system for tracking OVC needs, services provided and providers.

USAID is providing capacity building support to the Zanzibar National Association of the Blind (ZANAB) to strengthen their relationship with other civil society organizations, public institutions and the private sector. Capacity building support is also being provided to the Zanzibar NGO Cluster (ZANGOC) to enable them to be more effective in their coordination role of NGOs and to enhance their financial sustainability.

Maternal and Child Health: \$250,000

USAID works to strengthen antenatal and delivery care to reduce maternal and infant mortality through: (1) strengthening health facilities on basic emergency obstetric and newborn care; (2) strengthening supportive supervision to health providers; and (3) working with community health workers to provide information to women about safe delivery practices, risk factors in pregnancy, and to stimulate facility-based delivery. A Comprehensive Post-Abortion Care program is active in 10 districts and provides community outreach and technical training and support for this important program to reduce maternal mortality.

HIV/AIDS: \$400,000

In collaboration with the Zanzibar AIDS Commission; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Social Welfare, Youth, Women and Children Development; and Zanzibar AIDS Control Programme, USAID provides funds to its partners to support: (1) home-based care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS; (2) care and support for orphans and vulnerable children and their households; (3) treatment of TB/HIV co-infected individuals; (4) sustainable livelihoods and income generation for people infected and affected by the disease; and (5) capacity building and financial support to community-based organizations responding to the epidemic.

Feed the Future Initiative: \$975,000

USAID works with Zanzibar smallholder farmers providing agronomic services to produce fruit and vegetables suitable for the high-value hospitality market, and training farmers in organic spice production for export. In November 2013, USAID signed two grants with Zanzibar Agricultural Research Institute (ZARI) and Kizimbani Agriculture Training Institute (KATI) totaling over \$200,000. ZARI and



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KATI will add a combined \$100,000 as in-kind contributions. These grants will increase rice productivity and profitability among at least 2,000 smallholder farmers and build capacity to provide quality training services to develop an extension and lead farmer network on Zanzibar. Under Feed the Future, a group of HIV+ individuals are receiving horticulture training to generate income and improve nutrition for group members. USAID also supports the development of Village Community Banks (VICOBA) in order to assist women to establish savings and loan groups. The Feed the Future team and the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources have recently developed an implementation plan to support food security and nutrition in Zanzibar. Policy, value chain and nutrition activities will support the strengthening of the rice and horticulture sectors. Hydrological conditions do not favor irrigation; therefore USAID is evaluating alternatives to improve rain-fed agriculture production.

Feed the Future Tanzania supports implementation of nutrition interventions at health and community facilities to improve nutrition status of children and women in Zanzibar

Democracy, Rights, and Governance \$600,000

Through a partnership with three local NGOs, USAID is supporting the knowledge and capacity building of seven radio stations and 60 civil society leaders to improve peaceful citizen engagement in the emerging governance framework in Zanzibar.